

ONE HUNDRED YEARS.

THE CENTENNIAL OF WASHINGTON'S INAUGURATION.

Wonderful Progress of the Nation—Our Mighty Empire of To-day Contrasted with the Infant Republic of a Century Ago.

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On the 30th day of April, 1789, General George Washington was inducted into the office of President of the United States, with imposing ceremony, in the balcony of the City Hall, New York.

In his inaugural address that day the great man encoined the sentiments of those who framed the Constitution of the new government when he spoke of the work of the future as "an experiment."

Work before the first President and his associates was full of difficulty. Statesmen of the highest order of intellect, some, indeed, in the Cabinet of Washington, lacked faith even in republicanism; others trembled for the success of the new plan. After three months of labor in meeting the questions that came up, Madison, still a member of Congress, wrote: "We are in a wilderness without even a footprint to guide us."

Washington, a republican from the deep sincerity of his nature, gave to the plan the full weight of his influence, and was a tower of strength. As difficulties were overcome doubts were dispelled. The government in a few years proved adequate to meet every emergency. It was firmly established.

The third President, in his inaugural, pronounced it "the strongest government on earth," and "the only one where every man, at the call of the law, would meet invasions of the public order as his own personal concern."

This was the work of the revolution at length accomplished by the embodiment of the ideas of local self-government, and of national union in the Constitution as the organic law, and the establishment of a republican government that met the needs of the new nation. The result was hailed with joy by men of liberal views all over the world. The feeling of this school was expressed by Sir James Mackintosh, who wrote: "America has emerged from her struggle into tranquility and freedom, into affluence and credit; and the authors of her Constitution have constructed a permanent experimental answer to the sophisms and declarations of the detractors of liberty."

The results of a retrospect of a century's growth in those fields which suggest a comparison between our own and the contemporaneous development of other nations are such as to awaken a feeling of pride in every American citizen. And the reflections naturally deduced from these results as to the characteristic features of our people contrast those which are drawn from a superficial review of the social and political abuses of the day, and are most reassuring as to the hopeful future of this republic.

The entire policy and force of England was directed to the suppression and destruction of the commerce and internal improvement of its American colonies. Prior to the year 1800, eight or ten keel-boats of about twenty-five tons each performed all the carrying trade between Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. Hamilton, when Secretary of State, in his report under the head of coal, notes: "There are several mines in Virginia now worked. There is established a coal mine in the West Indies, which adapts it in a peculiar degree to the application of machinery." What are coal and cotton to this nation, the world, to-day? Within seven months of this year nearly 5,000,000 yards of our cotton cloths competed with the British manufactures; 9,000,000 yards went to Mexico; 3,000,000 to Central America; 6,000,000 to the West Indies; 21,000,000 to South American States; 9,000,000 to China; and 5,000,000 to other Asiatic countries, and, besides, we have supplied our own colonies with cotton. This is the century's statement for manufactured cotton cloth alone.

Even Jefferson, the writer of the Immor-

opening of the century was "The Land of Promise" to the immense army with strong hands and hopeful hearts anxious to leave crowded Europe, where all was dark with war, industrial depression and famine. During the last seventy years alone, over twenty millions of people have left the old world for homes in America and the British colonies, and fifteen millions of these have landed on the shores of the United States. Our population has increased from 3,929,214 in 1790 to 50,152,866 in 1890, the last census. This migration combined with the opening up of new country, the wonderful increase of inventions, the spread of knowledge by schools and the press has made the present century the most progressive of all centuries. People are better fed, better clothed, and better taught, and invention has extended opportunities on all sides.

The United States makes about 2,000,000 sewing machines yearly, which do as much work as the hands of 20,000,000 women. A single shoe factory in Massachusetts will turn out many pairs of boots as the 30,000 boot-makers of Paris. In 1790 the backwoods of our country afforded the chief supply of material for ship-building; since the invention of iron-cases several million planks constructing such have for years passed in the water more tonnage per annum than the whole of Queen Elizabeth's fleet that defeated the Spanish Armada.

The citizens of Europe cannot purchase the necessities of life that are common to the American working-people. By official

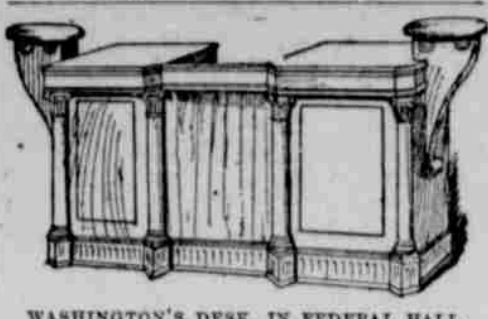
moral and intellectual training of the young was but the projection of that which was already filling the East with intelligence and thrift; and so of the West it may be said that, whatever of its prosperity be due to other causes, a large measure of it is due to the church and school, as the nurseries of a true and brave manhood and womanhood. The homes of our country are its great hope. In the conservation of the home as a center of moral influence lies the safety of the state. The public life of the West, which is but a larger side of its home life, notwithstanding the comparatively recent transition from the rugged conditions of new communities, is fully exalted and pure as in the Eastern States.

The past century, compared with its predecessors, appears rather as a contrast than a development. It is not easy to state its relation to the past in terms of progression, since it may be said to have leaped into existence, and an adequate statement describes radical changes rather than evolution. Much as the Americans have accomplished, the grandeur of this which has been achieved in the nineteenth century will pale beside that which will be achieved in the twentieth, if they advance on the line established by their sires and grandfathers, and avoid that laid down by the power of which they declared themselves independent. The spirit of self-government adopted one hundred years ago by men of iron will and successful application by more than sixty millions, and before the second century of the

when he grew old. His chest was very thin. He had false teeth which did not fit and pushed his under lip outward.

One Hundred Years from Now.

What will our population be? Who shall say? The United States to-day contains over 50,000,000 people, who increase at the rate of about 25 per cent. in every decade, so that at the close of the next century the increment will have run up to a total of not less than 40,000,000 souls. Take the population of all the other States and countries of the world to come under our sway and another 400,000,000 will be easily added. In the year of our Lord



WASHINGTON'S DESK, IN FEDERAL HALL.

2000 and the year of the Independence of the United States the 221st, it will be no longer the United States of North America, but the United States of North America, Central and South America, and the then President will then issue Thanksgiving Day proclamation to nearly a thousand million people. The mind fails to grasp our industrial and commercial expansion at that day; the wonderful progress in the arts and sciences; the tremendous energy with which enterprise after enterprise will be conceived and made a reality.

Thomas Jefferson.

Jefferson, framers of the Declaration of Independence and the third President of the United States, was born in Virginia, April 2, 1743. He was a leader in the Virginia House of Burgesses, and in 1776 drew up the Declaration of Independence. He was later Governor of Virginia, Minister to France, and Secretary of State under Washington. As a leader of the anti-Federalist party Jefferson served two terms as President from 1801-1809, and then retired to Monticello, where he spent the rest of his life dispensing hospitality, writing, and furthering the interests of the University of Virginia, which he founded. By a remarkable coincidence both Jefferson and John Adams died on the 4th of July, 1826, just fifty years from the day on which they signed the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson's last words were: "Is this the Fourth of July?" "Jefferson still lives!"

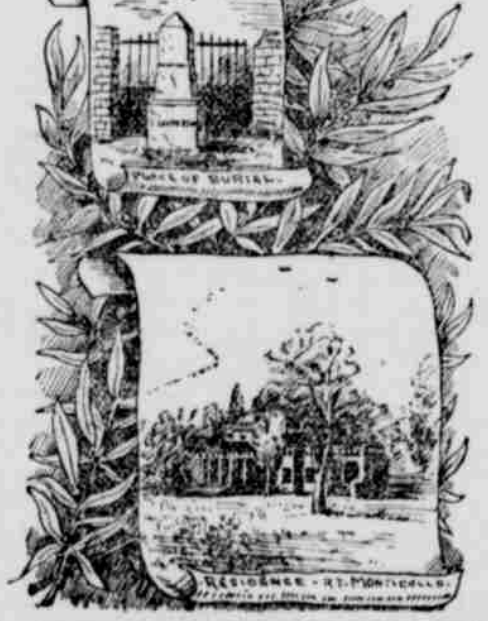
During the year 1801 a second census of the United States was completed, showing a population of 3,929,214, an increase of 1,400,000 in ten years. The enormous increase of exports from \$19,000,000 to \$94,000,000, and the corresponding augmentation of the revenue from nearly \$5,000,000 to nearly \$23,000,000, can only be attributed to the liberal institutions of the country, which secured equal privileges to all, and gave



THOMAS JEFFERSON.

free scope to the enterprise and industry of the inhabitants.

The Government under Jefferson presented a contrast to the Federal administrations which preceded it, in simplicity and



THE WHITE HOUSE.

an utter absence of pomp and style in public ceremonies. The principal events during his administration were the purchase of Louisiana and the war with the Barbary States, in both the exploring expedition to the Gulf of Mexico, in 1805, the first of Burr's beginning of the English aggressions which led to the war of 1812; the "embargo" of 1807, and the invention of the steamboat.

Conundrums.

Why is a city official like a church bell? One steals from the people, and the other preaches from the steeple.

Why was Goliath surprised when he was struck by a stone? Because such a thing never entered his head before.

What is the difference between a soldier and a pretty woman? One faces the powder and the other powders the face.

What is the difference between the Prince of Wales and a bombshell? One is heir to the throne and the other is thrown to the air.

What is the difference between an old woman and a pretty girl? One is hairless and cappy and the other is hairless and happy.

Why is a sheet of writing paper like a lazy dog? A sheet of writing paper is ink-lined plane and an inclined plane is a slope up.

Why is i the happiest of the vowels? Because it is in the center of bliss, while e is in hell, and the rest are in purgatory.

What is the difference between an engineer and a school teacher? One trains the mind and the other minds the train.

What is the difference between a bad boy and a stamp? One licks with a stick and the other you stick with a lick.

The invention of the Aeolian harp is ascribed to Kircher, 1659.

PARIS, CITY OF LUXURY.

LIFE AS IT IS SEEN IN THE GAY FRENCH CAPITAL.

Some of the Features of the Parisian Hotel—Animated Scenes on the Boulevards and in the Parks—An Adventure in the Catacombs.

[SPECIAL PARIS CORRESPONDENCE.]

THE hotel in which I am quartered is delightful, save for one disadvantage. I cannot have a bath without waiting down the end of the hall. It is declared to me, and I think truly, that the people of Paris are not very remarkable for keeping themselves clean. I judge of them from their sources for bathing. In this great house there is but one bath-room on each floor. It is a spacious apartment, furnished with every requisite, and in a room alongside is the special service of the floor. I am assured by a smart little French maid that it is quite unusual to supply a bath in the room of a guest. This same little French maid knocked at the door of the bath when I was covered with nothing but water this morning. I explained that I could not open for her at just that moment.

"But, M'sieur, I bring nothing but the rough towel."

She evidently assumed that because she

brought a rough towel she might enter officially.

My excellent room, furnished in far better style than the usual hotel room in America, with a handsomely carved chamber-set of mahogany, heavy silk curtains, pictures, candles, and a fine lounge clock, costs me five francs a day. Service is one franc extra. My service consists of the little maid and a simpler man. The maid does the work. The man is to overlook things and is sitting in his little office most of the time reading a paper. He is a great snorer. Every time I pass his door he gazes out and contributes a most encouraging smile. I do not care for this man, because I know he gets all the "tips" and the neat little maid does the work. I handed her an extra franc to-day. As I passed the door of the "service" ten minutes later the man cast the brightest smile upon me that he had yet accorded. I knew he had that franc in his inside pocket.

The Eden Theater and the Folies Bergeres are the two great variety houses in Paris. I dropped into the Eden the other night, and saw about such a performance as we have at an American vaudeville. I was not so much interested with what I saw on the stage as I was with what took place in the audience and around the lobbies. The brazen manner of the young woman who sold me a bill and turned down my seat for me was refreshing. She took her tip as a newsboy in New York would take his money for an evening paper—just as if it had been fairly earned. Leading from the lobby which encircled the stage in the Eden is a

large and lofty tower. Around the edge of this are small bars, with one or two flashy women standing behind them. As you saunter along, you are asked to set up the drinks, and very often a little come out from behind the bar, takes your arm without asking your leave, and does all she knows how to do to drag you back to where she serves best absinthe. This in a theater as famous as any in America. It is not the least fascinating, for the women are so defiantly bold, and they expose themselves so commonly, that it must be a very large number of them who do more than take a look at them and pass on.

I was having my roll and coffee at a table in front of the Cafe de la Paix at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, and enjoying the splendid concourse of equipages and the gorgeous panorama of promenaders that streamed in rivers of colors along the Rue de la Paix and the Avenue de l'Opera. One incident was decidedly entertaining to me. Two ladies, one going up the avenue, the other going down, passed each other directly in front of where I sat. I immediately recognized the occupants of each carriage. One was a most remarkable figure of a woman, with sleepy eyes, yellow hair, and her mouth drawn down sharply at the corners. She held a lilac-colored parasol over her head and she seemed dreaming of something miles away. But when her carriage passed the other one that I mentioned sleepy eyes gave one quick, sidelong glance and rested on the woman sitting there. This woman was the handsomer of the two.

"TAKE YOUR ARM WITHOUT ASKING YOUR LEAVE,"

and younger. Her face was as white as a white rose, her hair dark red, her eyes inexpressibly fine and dark. She was attracted divinely. As she was whisked by she swept her long lashes downward with an air of

proud disdain at the yellow-haired woman who was passing. I had to smile at this encounter of famous women, for I could well imagine what was going on in the minds of each.

One was Sarah Bernhardt and the other beautiful Jane Hading.

Everyone drives out through the Champs Elysees and into the Bois de Boulogne each afternoon. But the approach to the park here is the finest part of the drive. The broad, hard road, skirted by trees, with the walk on each side and the houses beyond, is perhaps as splendid a thoroughfare as can be found in the world. One is struck at once by the immense variety of people and vehicles that follow one another out of the city on these bright, aternous. Most of the carriages are hired, and are very dilapidated. The drivers, in red waistcoats,

fade coats and high hats made of black or white patent leather that looks like painted tin, never hold themselves well, and the spruce and elegant characteristics of an American or English purveyor of this sort is noticeably absent. But the immense crowd, and the general picturesqueness of it all, forms a picture that is continually absorbing and exhilarating. I must say that I was surprised the other day when a French gentleman, who was driving with me out to the Bois urged me to cease my rapturous admiration of a pair of glorious girls who were bowing along in a carriage which kept abreast of our own, for a great distance. While each of these creatures seemed very demure their eyes strayed most accidentally about as us two or three times I had sworn that one was a marquise at least, and the other a baroness. My companion, as I say, begged me not to waste my praise upon them. I asked him why, and his explanation was arranged. I had it so much of this thing since reaching Paris that I began to long for home, where virtue as well as vice came out on the avenues. The nickname by which he was known was known in the Bois, and too awful to be put plainly, but it informed you that her name was "Lola," and that her fingers were not kept in the best state of cleanliness.

We stopped at the dairy on the Bois and I drank a glass of delicious milk; and while I thought that at least this was pure, I remembered that it was in this room Adelaide

Neilson sat years before and took the simple refreshments which caused her death. You are obliged to get a card of admission to the catacombs of Paris, and when you arrive at the entrance you will find probably a hundred people waiting to be shown through this weird underground city of the dead. All Americans go through the catacombs, and the other morning when I jumped out of my place in the queer little whitewashed inclosure at the head of the crowd I saw a typical Parisian audience waiting to be shown the bones of I cannot say how many million French people. We bought candles of the old women who hocked them about the yard, and then started down in single file through the iron door leading into a wall, like the door of a tomb. The staircase was a spiral one, and I grew tired, a terrible first few moments, of counting the steps. The air grew perceptibly colder as we descended, and peculiarly uncanny and frightful. It seemed like going down into the sea. The moisture dripped on my face from the ceiling above me. I presume we walked in a line for fully two miles through tortuous passages, scarcely wide enough to pass a person in, with piles of bones reaching almost to our heads and crowned with grinning skulls. The ground and the ceilings were of the consistency of damp chalk. My feet grew wet as I walked, and the moist air was painful to my lungs. And when I thought I could stand no more in the dreadful place. A group of French students up ahead of me were

singing a ribald song. The candles in front and behind me cast wet, silvery gleams of light over the skeletons. I regretted coming into the dreadful place. I had heard of people getting lost in the catacombs. I could imagine nothing so ghastly in life. And it is gospel truth that for nearly a minute I and a well-known society girl of New York, she stranger to me, thought ourselves lost. We reached a dark cell from which converged four or five different paths. We happened to be at the end of the line. The rest vanished some way, we could not know. Which road to take we did not know. She stood with her back against one wall, holding her candle high above her head, staring wildly at me. I have no doubt I was in as great an attitude of fear as she. I shall never forget the looks of that girl or the sound of her scream as she understood her situation. I ran to her, grasped her by the arm and shouted. And then one of the guides in the line came out of one of the roads into the cell where we were. We both clutched him nervously by the hands. The girl was crying hysterically and I was laughing the same way. The guide ran ahead and we followed, soon catching up with the rest of the people. When we arrived at the entrance we were in the clear, safe world I thanked my stars that I was out of that tomb. The society girl from New York threw a rose to me as she jumped into her car, and I have not seen her since. I should have hated that journey through the catacombs of Paris.

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